

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

May 19, 1955
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Miller presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Absent: None

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Doren R. Eskew, City Attorney; Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works.

Invocation was delivered by REV. C. A. GREENWALDT, Tarrytown Methodist Church.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MR. CHARLES SANDAHL appeared to present a program of paving to the Council, with the hope of using some of the maintenance money for paving. He suggested a contract for at least a 16 block program, and he believed a type of paving could be used that would be more in line with what more people could afford--the type used in Pemberton Heights and Highland Park West--a two shot job. Councilman Pearson recalled detailed discussions of paving during the subdivision ordinance hearings, and stated he wanted to protect the subdivision policy. He stated he had a paving proposition to submit. MAYOR MILLER, after more discussion, stated a meeting was being called sometime next week in which the paving contractors would be present along with the Engineering Department, to work out some ideas of paving, and he invited MR. SANDAHL to be present at this time. Councilman Long also invited him along with his representative to sit in on this meeting. Councilman Pearson had a suggestion to present regarding this area of the City on the base.

The Mayor introduced MR. ASHER ZIDON, Deputy Secretary of the Knesset, Greek Colony, Jerusalem, Israel, and his host, MR. FRANK MISKELL, Texas Legislative Council, and expressed best wishes to Mr. Zidon for Israel's happiness and great growth.

The Minutes of May 16th were corrected, correcting the name of MR. BOB FOLMAR, and adding Councilman Long's remarks concerning paving, and adding that REV. JNO. BARCLAY gave the benediction. Councilman Palmer moved that the Minutes of May 16th be approved as corrected. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

MR. JOHN BOTELLO, 2300 Santa Rita, congratulated the City Council for taking hold of the problems, assuring it that it had the good faith of all the Latin American people in East Austin, and expressed his pleasure of the return of MAYOR MILLER to the mayoralty, congratulating Austin that it had him back at the head of this great Council. He complimented the leadership of the mayors in the interim and outlined the things they had done and started for East Austin. He stated that the Latin Americans--those that could vote; those that could not, and those that did not know how to vote, could be counted on to cooperate with this Council.

Mayor Miller brought up the following ordinance for its second reading:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 0.478 OF ONE ACRE OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND OUT OF THE SANTIAGO DEL VALLE GRANT IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman White moved that the ordinance be passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The Council received a request from MRS. F. C. McCONNELL, Director Scottish Rite Dormitory, that during the time sidewalks are constructed on Whitis between 27th Street to the driveway of the dormitory, that barricades be put up. Councilman White moved that the barricades be erected. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

MR. A. S. (Mac) HULL presented MAYOR MILLER with a tribute of flowers.

MR. HAROLD SIMPSON, 922 East 48th Street, made a complaint of the Little League Ball Park across the street from his home--the ball park having 36 lights, being used 6 days a week from 6 PM until 10 PM, and being very annoying. He left a petition opposing the establishment of a ball park on this property, and left other correspondence in opposition. MRS. H. C. SMITH, 4807 Harmon, feared her home would be damaged if she did not cooperate with the ball park and added there were no sanitary facilities at the park, and her yard suffered; the condition was unhealthy; many things were going on there. The Mayor stated this complaint would be investigated by the Recreation Department and the City Manager, and they would have an answer by next Thursday. He believed some change in the ordinance should be made whereby these parks would have to be granted by special permits and that sanitary facilities should be provided.

REV. F. P. ROBINSON, Pastor of the New Lincoln Missionary Baptist Church, on 8th and San Saba, asked for a street light at that location, and for a church zone sign, or stop signs. The Mayor stated this request would be investigated by next Thursday.

MR. EVERETT LOONEY, representing the Austin Transit, Inc., outlined briefly the franchise of the Austin Street Railway Company--Austin Transit Company, and then the Austin Transit, Inc., and the proposed sale to the Austin Traffic Corporation, St. Louis, which company operates city bus systems in a number of places. The contract for the sale provides that the sale shall only be consummated in the event that the City Council passes an ordinance approving the transfer and releasing the Austin Transit, Inc. from its obligations in the franchise after June 1, 1955. Councilman Long inquired if the requirements of proper service, scheduling, equipping would not be granted in the new franchise. Mr. Looney explained there would be no new franchise and explained the transaction. After lengthy discussion, and after explanation of the differences between Mr. Looney's ordinance and the City Attorney's ordinance which was to approve the transfer only and had nothing to do with release of any obligations, Mayor Miller introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITY FRANCHISE HELD BY AUSTIN TRANSIT,
INC., FOR THE OPERATION OF A BUS SYSTEM, TO AUSTIN
TRANSIT CORP., EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 1955, AND DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Long moved that the ordinance be passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The Mayor suggested that the Legal Department work out the agreement, looking after the public's interests in the matter. Councilman Long suggested that a representative of the company be present next week when the matter comes up again. The Mayor complimented the Austin Transit, Inc. as doing as well as it could under its circumstances.

The Council had before it for its second reading the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, JULY 17, 1941, AND RECORDED IN ORDINANCE BOOK "L", PAGES 152-174, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, WHICH ORDINANCE WAS AMENDATORY OF THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, APRIL 23, 1931, AND RECORDED IN BOOK "I", PAGES 301-318, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THE AMENDATORY ORDINANCE HEREBY CHANGING THE USE DESIGNATION FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "BB" DISTRICT ON LOTS 43 AND 45, BLOCK 4, ALDRIDGE PLACE, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 3301-3307 GUADALUPE STREET, 505-507 WEST 34TH STREET AND 504-506 WEST 33RD STREET, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; ORDERING A CHANGE IN THE USE MAPS SO AS TO RECORD THE CHANGE HEREBY ORDERED; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

MR. FRANKE and MR. SALES LEWIS, attorneys for Mrs. Giesecke, reviewed their requests and answered questions. MR. GRADY CHANDLER, attorney for the opposition, listed reasons for opposition. MR. WATKINS HARRIS, architect, presented plans for the proposed eight-unit apartment house. After a detailed discussion, Councilman White moved that the ordinance be read its second time and passed to its third reading. The motion lost for lack of a second. Councilman Long then moved that the ordinance be denied. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, Mayor Miller
Noes: Councilman White

Mayor Miller announced that the ordinance had been denied.

MR. JOHN ADRIAN appeared before the Council pertaining to a building permit for a small house at 1701 Alameda, in which the owner wanted to tear down a little shack and build a little home for herself and rent out her other house. There was not quite enough square footage for this to be permitted under the Ordinance, and Mr. Adrian stated Mr. Eckert had told him this and referred him to the Zoning Board. The Mayor suggested that Mr. Eckert review this case and write down just why the permit could not be granted. Councilman Palmer stated he had found the Zoning Board of Adjustment had been very reasonable and he suggested that he go before the Board. Councilman Pearson referred him to the Chairman of the Board, and stated there would be a meeting within three weeks, and they could probably work it out for him. MR. ADRIAN read a letter replying to a statement he had made the day the Council was sworn in.

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, Ed F. Hemme is the Contractor for the painting of a building located at 416 Congress Avenue and desires a portion of the sidewalk and street space abutting Lot 5, Block 43, of the Original City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, during the painting of the building, such space to be used in the work and for the storage of materials, therefor; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

1. THAT space for the uses hereinabove enumerated be granted to said Ed. F. Hemme, the boundary of which is described as follows:

Sidewalk and Street Working Space

Beginning at the north east corner of the above described property; thence in an easterly direction and at right angles to the center line of Congress Avenue to a point 5 feet west of the west curb line; thence in a southerly direction and at right angles to the center line of Congress Avenue approximately 46 feet to a point; thence in a westerly direction and at right angles to the center line of Congress Avenue to the south west corner of the above described property.

2. THAT the above privileges and allotment of space are granted to the said Ed F. Hemme, hereinafter termed "Contractor", upon the following express terms and conditions:

(1) That the Contractor shall construct in the alley a guard rail within the boundary lines of the above described space, such guard rail to be at least 4 feet high and substantially braced and anchored. (The Contractor will be permitted to use 2 parking meter spaces for the delivery or removal of materials during the painting work.

(2) That the Contractor is permitted to construct in his working space a substantial gate which shall be kept closed at all times when not in use, and at all times that such gate is open, the Contractor shall maintain a person at this gate to warn pedestrians and vehicles of approaching trucks. This gate is not to open out so as to impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

(3) That no vehicles in loading or unloading material at the working space shall park on any part of the street outside of the allotted working space.

(4) That "No Parking" signs shall be placed on the street side of the barricades.

(5) That the Contractor is permitted to construct a temporary work office within such allotted working space provided such work office is not within 25 feet of any corner street intersection.

(6) That the Contractor shall in no way obstruct any fire plugs or other public utilities in the construction of such barricades.

(7) That provision shall be made for the normal flow of all storm waters in the gutter and the Contractor will be responsible for any damage done due to obstruction of any such storm water.

(8) That the Contractor shall place on the outside corners of any walkway, barricades or obstructions, red lights during all periods of darkness and provide lighting system for all tunnels.

(9) That the Contractor shall remove all fences, barricades, loose materials and other obstructions on the sidewalk and street immediately after the necessity for their existence on said sidewalk or street has ceased, such time to be determined by the City Manager, and in any event all such sidewalk, barricades, materials, equipment and other obstruction shall be removed not later than June 1, 1955.

(10) That the City reserves the right to revoke at any time any and all the privileges herein granted or to require the erection or installation of additional barriers or safeguards if the conditions demand it.

(11) That the use and enjoyment of the spaces herein granted shall not be exclusive as against public needs, and the City, in making such grant reserves the right to enter and occupy any part of all of said space any time with its public utilities, or for other necessary public purposes.

(12) That any public utility, or public or private property disturbed or injured as a result of any of the activities necessary for the completion of the construction work for said building projects, whether done by the Contractor, City Forces, or public utilities, shall be replaced or repaired at the Contractors expense.

(13) That the Contractor shall furnish the City of Austin a surety bond in the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) which shall protect, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Austin from any claims or damages to any person or property that may accrue to or be brought by any person by reason of the exercise of abuse of the privileges granted the Contractor by the City of Austin and shall guarantee the replacement of all sidewalks, pavement and all other public property and public utilities disturbed or removed during the construction of a walkway and other safeguards during the occupancy of the space.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Councilman Long introduced the following ordinance and moved that it be published in accordance with Section 6, Article 1 of the Charter:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 8.61 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF THE GEORGE W. DAVIS SURVEY IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL

TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Councilman Long introduced the following ordinance and moved that it be published in accordance with Article 1, Section 6 of the Charter:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 8.60 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND OUT OF THE A. B. SPEAR LABOR IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Councilman Pearson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, on the 16th day of May 1955, bids were received by the City of Austin for furnishing tires, tubes and recapping service for the twelve month period beginning June 1, 1955; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of B. F. Goodrich in the sum of \$9,269.51 was the lowest and best bid for the furnishing of passenger tires and tubes and tube repairs and service; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of B. F. Goodrich Company in the sum of \$25,860.42 was the lowest and best bid for furnishing truck and implement tires and tube repairs and service; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of B. F. Goodrich Company in the sum of \$3,118.47 was the lowest and best bid for furnishing recapping, vulcanizing and repair service; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That said bids of B. F. Goodrich Company be and the same are hereby accepted, and W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract with said company for the purchase of tires, tubes and recapping service for the twelve-month period beginning June 1, 1955, on the basis of said bids.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Mayor Miller introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:
"AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING AND LEVYING RATES AND CHARGES
FOR SALES MADE AND SERVICES RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH
THE WATERWORKS AND SYSTEM AND THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM
OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR ALL USES OF SUCH WATER AND SEWER
CONNECTIONS AND FACILITIES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES,
RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDERS, OR PARTS OF THE SAME, IN CONFLICT
HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY", WHICH ORDINANCE
WAS PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 1, 1949, AND IS
RECORDED AT LENGTH IN ORDINANCE BOOK "O", AT PAGES 301-302
OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, BY AMEND-
ING SECTION 1 SO AS TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL DISCOUNT ON
BILLS FOR WATER FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES RENDERED BETWEEN
JUNE 15, 1955, AND SEPTEMBER 15, 1955; AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Long moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Miller made the following statement:

"It is a calculated risk. It will not cost a nickle if you have hot dry weather; if you have wet weather, it will take off of electricity and water as most of the electrical equipment is served by water. This is not unfamiliar to me. We had it possibly 12 times from the period 1933-1949. It is a little bonuss-given to our people for keeping nice yards."

Councilman Long made the following statement:

"If I felt it was going to damage the City of Austin I would not have advocated it in the first place. In an over-all balance of the hot and wet weather we will get in as much money as would have otherwise. It is something that the people desire and appreciate and helps them in watering their yards and helps make Austin a beautiful city."

Councilman Pearson made the following statement:

"We certainly hope it will encourage the use of more water during the lower rates, because we certainly need the revenues. The rain has caused our pumping to be cut back to 20 million gallons a day. Lets hope our demand will increase."

MAYOR MILLER listed some of the gifts of COLONEL ZILKER to the City of Austin--Barton Springs in 1917; and 350 acres known now as Zilker Park in 1932; and in 1933 an additional 17 acres where the Sunshine Camp is now. He asked that the City Council do the naming of any roads through Zilker Park, and asked that the Council name these streets according to the wishes of the Zilker family, and he suggested that MRS. ADA. ZILKER ROBINSON name the streets. Councilman Long moved that the Mayor present MRS. ADA. ZILKER ROBINSON with this idea and ask her to send in her names. The motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

In regard to park land, Councilman Long stated a group of people had asked for dedication of a portion of the Bee Creek property, and the Park Board had recommended dedicating it as park property. This was instigated by MR. BICKLER, who heads up the Nature Trail project, and who suggested keeping the land in its natural state as much as possible. Councilman Long suggested that the recommendation from the Park Board be brought down next week. The Mayor stated all the property should not be dedicated, as the L.C.R.A. wanted to use a part of it and some was salable. The matter was laid over for a week pending the recommendation and maps.

No action was taken on extending Bull Creek Road through Memorial Park and the matter was carried over until the following week. The Mayor wanted to look at this proposed road on the ground. He was not in favor of extending the road through the cemetery or making a play area there, as there was more or less a contract made with the people that that would be cemetery land, and it should be kept as such in good faith, and he recommended that the matter be settled for ever, for all of the cemetery. He believed a park should be purchased in that area. Councilman Pearson suggested doing everything possible to locate a park in that area, as it needs it more than any other area. The Council had asked the Planning Commission to locate a park area, but he did not know how far they had gotten.

Councilman Palmer moved that the appointment of MR. ED ROBINSON as a member of the Civil Service Commission for a term to expire May 6, 1958, be confirmed. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Mr. Terrell Blodgett, Administrative Assistant, stated petitions signing up 75% of the people were on hand for the paving of Brentwood between Grover and Woodrow and on Karen Avenue from Grover to Woodrow. Councilman Long moved that the paving of those two streets be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Councilman Pearson noted that paving on Shoal Creek from the Bridge to Hancock Drive was about to get under way. The Director of Public Works added that from Twin Oaks up to the Bridge was also about to be worked up.

The Director of Public Works gave a report on the drainage condition at 1186 Cedar, in that the crews were ready to move in and start cleaning, but it started raining. As soon as it dries out, they will start cleaning Boggy Creek around Cedar and Rosewood.

MAYOR MILLER asked for a study of Shoal Creek, Waller and Johnson Creeks to see if there are any impediments blocking them up. He feared if a rainy season follows this drought there might be some floods, and he stated there were bad conditions all over the city.

Councilman Pearson asked as to when an ordinance regarding fire works could be submitted, as the fireworks dealers wanted to know the status before they purchased their fourth of July supply. The dealers wanted the ordinance to include permitting the small fire crackers. It was the general idea of the Council to include in the ordinance the prohibition of noise making fire works, but to permit sparklers and noiseless types of fire works. They wanted to extend the City's jurisdiction as far out in the County as was provided. The City Attorney stated he would have the ordinance by next week.

Discussion of the ordinance pertaining to dogs was held. It was the thinking of the Council to have an ordinance drawn putting the dogs under restraint, and to have it ready by June 1st, but providing a 90-day period before putting the ordinance into effect. Councilman Pearson asked that if this ordinance is passed, that people be informed of the facilities of the Humane Society and be asked to bring any dogs they cannot care for to the Society, and not take them out in the County and unload them out there.

Councilman Long asked the City Manager to bring in a report on the feasibility of a traffic signal at Fredericksburg Road and Mary; that the people living in the Zilker area are having trouble getting in on the highway.

Councilman White inquired about the block from South 1st to Barton Springs Road. The Director of Public Works stated a crew had been sent out just today to see about the street; that right-of-way was needed to develop the street properly.

Mayor Miller announced several meetings the Council had planned:

- (1) That the Department heads be called in and asked if they would be able to decrease any of their personnel in the various departments; that if there is now a vacancy, that that not be filled until the City Manager confers with the Council. He explained there was absolutely no criticism. Also in this meeting, information on number of cars assigned, and the use made of it. Councilman Long moved that this meeting be called for 4:00 P.M. Monday, May 23rd, and that the City Manager be instructed to have his Department Heads present to discuss with the Council these and various other subjects. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

- (2) Wednesday, May 25th, that the Council meet with the Finance Director to be informed as to how the City stands on its finances. This was set at 6:00 P.M.
- (3) Wednesday, May 25th, 7:30 P.M., the Council will meet with the City Engineering Department and the Paving contractors and others interested in paving.
- (4) Thursday afternoon, 3:00 P.M. the Council will meet on the Airport program, with the Airport Committee, Engineering Department, and consultant, Mr. Willis.
- (5) Friday evening, May 27th, at 7:30 P.M., the Council will meet with the Auditorium Committee, Jr. and Sr. Chamber of Commerce Auditorium Committees, the special Committee that worked on financing the Auditorium and getting the Invalidating Act through; the Architects of the Auditorium, and the Farm and Ranch Club.

Councilman Long moved that those dates be set and that the City Manager be instructed to call all the people that are to attend. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Mayor Miller introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE PERPETUALLY VACATING AND CLOSING THAT CERTAIN PORTION OF A PUBLIC STREET KNOWN AS JULIET STREET, WHICH LIES WEST OF GARNER AVENUE IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; RETAINING PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT THEREON; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF AN ORDINANCE ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman White moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman White moved that the ordinance be passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

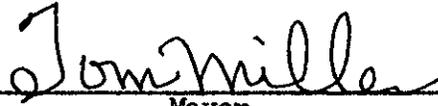
The Mayor stated a discussion had been held with regard to fees and fines charged by the Police Department, and had asked for comparative rates with other larger cities--the 10 largest--the fines charged for parking, running lights, speeding, etc. Austin was low in this respect, and he thought if an average of the largest 10 cities were taken, it would bring in much more money. He explained it was not the Council's desire to be unreasonable in anyway, and this would not be. Councilman Long stated she had suggested using women and clerks to give parking tickets and relieve the uniformed officers of that responsibility.

The Mayor assured the people that the Council was working on a workable program, and wanted to get the town united; wanted to do many things--call a meeting of all the people owning property on Congress Avenue and side streets and see if they would retop Congress Avenue, the city paving the intersections; improve the bridge; that there was no criticism of any administration and the city had gone forward all along. He stated the Council wanted to hold the tax rate down.

Councilman Long previously suggested in the Department head meeting that the matter of courtesy to the public be stressed. The Administrative Assistant stated the City Manager had asked Department Heads to send in people's letters of commendation, and he had then been sending out interoffice memos commending those employees, and Mr. Blodgett stated the Council might be interested in receiving copies of some of those comments.

There being no further business the Council adjourned at 3:50 P.M.
subject to the Call of the Mayor.

APPROVED



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk